

REMARKS

Claim 12 has been amended to remove the limitation regarding the tongue being attached to the shoe tip. Claim 12 does recite the locking mechanism between the shoe tip and chassis.

If any additional fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher J. McDonald", written over a horizontal line.

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